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SUBJECT: PLO REPRESENTATION IN JAKARTA?

REF: JAKARTA 1668

1. JAMAL SAROUNI, PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO ARAB LEAGUE WHO IS TRAVELING AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF ARAB LEAGUE, LEFT JAKARTA MAY 27 AFTER SIX-DAY VISIT. DURING VISIT HE HELD TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, MINISTER OF INFORMATION MASHURI AND MINISTER OF RELIGION MUKTI ALI AND PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS. HE ALSO MET WITH ISLAMCI NOTABLES INCLUDING PRESTIGIOUS LEADER OF BANNED MASYUMI PARTY, MOHAMMED NATSIR.

2. AFTER MEETING WITH MALIK MAY 23, AL SAROUNI, WITH  
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MALIK AT THIS SIDE, TOLD PRESS PLO WILL OPEN REPRESENTATIVE

OFFICE IN JAKARTA "IN THE NEAR FUUTRE." MALIK ADDED THAT THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY PROBLEMS CONCERNING PLO REPRESENTATION IN JAKARTA SINCE ARAB NATIONS, U.N., AND INDONESIA RECOGNIZE PLO. ONLY QUESTION REMAINING IS WHEN PLO OFFICE WILL OPEN, AND THAT DEPENDS ON PLO, MALIK SAID.

3. HOWEVER, BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR SINGAPORE MAY 27, AL SAROUNI HEDGED A BIT ON PLO REPRESENTATION, SAYING WHETHER OR NOT PLO ESTABLISHED OFFICE IS NOT IMPORTANT, SINCE PALESTINE IS REPRESENTED IN "EVERY HOME IN INDONESIA" AND "INDONESIA HOLDS SPECIAL PLACE IN HEARTS OF PALESTINIANS."

4. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, THAT NOT WITHSTANDING STATEMENTS BY AL SAROUNI AND MALIK THAT PLO WOULD OPEN OFFICE SOON, GOI DID NOT, IN FACT, GIVE GO-AHEAD TO AL SAROUNI BECAUSE OF CONTINUING FEAR BY SECURITY OFFICIALS,WHO ULTIMATELY DECIDE SUCH THINGS, THAT PLO PRESENCE WOULD PRESENT SECURITY RISK. ACCORDING THESE SOURCES, AL SAROUNI WAS TOLD TO THIS CHAGRIN, THAT ALTHOUHG GOI AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO PLO REPRESENTATION HERE, TIME IS STILL NOT RIPE FOR THIS. THIS HAS BEEN GOI POSITION IN PAST.FOR EXAMPLE, MALIK STATED PUBLICLY IN FEBRUARY 1975 THAT PLO COULD OPEN OFFICE "AT ANY TIME," WHILE HE AND SECURITY SOURCES WERE SAYING PRIVATELY THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS, GOI WANTED TO HOLD PLO AT ARMS LENGTH. (REFTEL).  
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